RESERVATION OF POSTS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

32. Smt. C. NAGAMMA KESHAVAMURTHY(Davanagere) Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state ; -

(a) Whether any provision has been made under Karnataka State Civil Services Recruitment Rules for the reservation of posts to physically handicapped persons in Government service ;

(b) if so, the percentage of posts reserved ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) No

(b Does not arise

Smt. C. NAGAMMA KESHAVAMURTHY.— May I know whether any statistics regarding the number of handicapped persons in the State has been collected and if so, how many are employed in the different departments of the Government ?

‡Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.— There is an Employment Exchange specially for these people to register their names. I have not collected the information as to how many have registered and how many are employed in the various departments of the Government because that has not been asked by the Hon. Member.

Smt C. NAGAMMA KESHAVAMURTHY.— What are the steps taken by the Government to help this section of the people in getting the jobs and will the Government consider atleast to make some reservations of the posts for the handicapped ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.— The Government has given executive directions to Department under its control to

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say that priority to be given to these people. But, to make a legislation, I am advised by the Law Department that under the Constitution, it will not be possible for us. The Government is still considering this question. Though I am personally willing to make legislation, I have to be advised legally if Government as such could do so. The Government of India in the year 1969 thought of a legislation and the draft has been sent to the State Government, and since then, though the Government of India's idea was to make the legislation for the whole of India, I do not know what circumstances it is being delayed. This matter may have to be taken up with the Government of India again.

Smt. C. NAGAMMA KESHAVAMURTHY.— Are there any Training Centres for the physically handicapped people in the State ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.- There are some training centres

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INLAND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

68. SRI MALLIKARJUNA KHARGE (Gurmitkal). -Will the Minister of State for Fisheries and Horticulture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent on inland fisheries development in the State for the last three years;

(*b*) whether Government have taken any steps to improve inland fisheries in Hyderabad Karnataka Area?

SRI K. T. RATHOD (Minister of State for Fisheries and Horticulture).—

	Year	*Amount spent* Rs Ps
(*a*)	1970-71	35,94,233-00
	1971-72	35,58,567-00
	1972-73	42,14,187-00